



Local Plan Issues Consultation

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Introduction



The Council is starting to write a new **Local Plan**. This will affect all of Huntingdonshire district.

A Local Plan is used to decide what can be built and where it can be built. It also helps to make planning decisions that support places that work well for the communities that use them.

This Issues consultation is the start of asking people about how Huntingdonshire should change.

How to tell us what you think

This document shows some of the main issues that the new Local Plan will need to make decisions about.

We have 12 questions for you. Your answers will help make Huntingdonshire a good place to live in the future.

The list on the right shows how you can find the questions.

You need to answer by 5 July 2023.



Online at: www.XXXXX

QR code here You can use this QR code to answer the survey on a mobile phone or tablet.



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Creating a vision and objectives



The Local Plan's vision leads the whole plan. It says what sort of place we would like Huntingdonshire to be in the future.

The objectives are more detailed targets that will show how we hope to make the vision become real. They help control how the vision is delivered.

Together the vision and the objectives will set out the priorities for all planning decisions in the district for many years.

Tackling climate change



Climate change is one of our biggest problems.

Hot, dry summers may make some buildings uncomfortable. Wetter winters may make flooding more likely. New buildings need to be able to cope with these changes. We also need to support existing buildings to change.

Fuel bills are too high for many people. We could support people to make electricity from the sun and wind. These would not make air pollution which makes climate change worse.

Enjoying nature and open space



Our countryside has lots of places for people to enjoy nature like woods, public footpaths and riverside paths. The Local Plan can ask for new open space and play areas to be put in with new homes.

The countryside also provides places for wild birds, animals and plants to live.

Our towns and villages have countryside round them. We need to think about which places must be kept and if there are some where we can build new homes.

New homes for all



A very important issue for the Local Plan is deciding how many new homes need to be built every year. Homes can be houses, flats, caravans, houseboats or care homes.

We need to make sure that the new homes are right for local people. We can ask for some to be built as affordable homes. These are for rent or sale at lower prices than others.

The number of bedrooms and type of homes needed is important. The Local Plan can ask house-builders to build homes to meet the needs of local people.

Supporting shops and jobs



We need to make sure there are places for businesses to grow and new ones to open. This will help people to get jobs near their homes.

High Street shops are changing. We need to think about how we can make town centres nice places for people to go to.

Tourism can help support jobs in villages and the countryside and bring in money to keep local businesses open.

Providing services for communities



New homes need to be supported by new services to help the people who will live in them.

The Local Plan can ask for some services to be provided with the new homes. These may be schools, open spaces and cycleways. Including spaces for utilities like water, electricity and broadband is also important.

There is often not enough money to provide everything, so the Local Plan needs to decide which are most important.

Where to put new buildings



The government expects Local Plans to show where most new homes, businesses, shops and leisure buildings will be built.

New buildings should be in places where people can get to them easily. This can mean building new roads and footpaths or providing a new bus service.

Many things are important in deciding where to put new buildings. We would like to know what is most important to local people.

How to find out more



You can find out more about the Local Plan on [the Council's website](#).

Please answer our survey by 5 July 2023.

You can find it at: [www.XXXXX](#)

We can send you a paper copy of the survey if you need one. Please tell us your name and address by

Email to local.plan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

or Phone 01480 388424